

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 6, line 10 has been amended as follows:

In the present embodiment ~~the entire~~ a portion of outward facing surface of the cuff 6 is formed of a permeable membrane 6A. ~~In order~~ This is sufficient to achieve the intended effect but it is, ~~however, sufficient for only a portion of possible~~ for the entire outward facing surface[[,]] to be formed of a permeable membrane. The membrane 6A is selectively permeable to one or more of the main proteins in the surfactant, designated as SP-A, SP-B, SP-C and SP-D.